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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application  
Application No. 10/725,009; Filed: December 2, 2003  
For: **Method for Freeze-Drying Nucleic Acid/Block Copolymer/Cationic  
Surfactant Complexes**  
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Our Ref: 1530.0620001/EKS/J-H

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Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Power of Attorney from Assignee; and
2. One (1) return postcard.

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Respectfully submitted,

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